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The Operetta Lost, A Comet

(By Gwendolyn Miller)

Friday evening, June 16, the Torrance High School Chorus gave an operetta, "Lost—A Comet," at the Legion Hall.

As the first act opened everyone was searching for friend Comet, who had suddenly and mysteriously disappeared on a dark and stormy night when there was no moonlight.

They all visited Mother Earth and told her of their loss. She promised to do all in her power to find the missing comet and about him, she said, "Well, if Mr. Comet is secluded anywhere among my belongings he will be quickly brought forth, uncovered and presented to yours truly in two shakes of a lamb's tail when I send my sleuth after him."

The Dog Star desired to help his friends. While he was wandering about, Atom, the official dog catcher, spied him. And Sirius gave him such an awful chase that Atom returned to Mother Earth's presence all out of breath.

In the second act Mother Earth assembled her children and friends to gather news of the Comet. Everyone was on hand but Sirius who had gone to find the lost friend.

Mother Earth's friends had as a surprise, a fine large birthday cake bearing three candles, two dainty attendants presented it, and two of the Rainbow Sisters explained its significance.

The operetta was a great success. Of course it took a lot of hard work and time on the part of the chorus and also the members of the school and a good deal of school time was given.

During the evening the orchestra favored the audience with several selections. A few announcements were made and a one-reel film was shown for benefit of the parents.

Afterwards those who had taken part received a real treat, for Mrs. Barnett served Angel Food cake and Miss Griffin delicious Ice-cream.

The cast was as follows: Mother Earth—Lone Barnett Sirius, The Dog Star—Walter Zuver Atom, Official Dog Catcher—Robert Lessing Celia, Prima Donna—Jasmine Coker

CELINA MCNEILL, FRANCES ANDERSON, JOSEPHINE ISENSTEIN, MARY ALICE DAVIS, FLORENCE BEEKWITH, RUTH RECKWITH and IRIS BARKDULL.

POTENTATES Clarence Mills, Phillip Brooks, Torrance Swindell, Eddie Anderson, Theodore Reeve and Girard Fisher. CHILDREN OF MOTHER EARTH Geraldine Miller, Ruth Batsch, Martha Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Wheaton, Verna Payne, Helen Hoffman, Francis Gilbert, Anthony Jessome, Myrtle Bacon, Casper Clemmer, Earl Bacon and Shirley Wochs.

The attendants were De De Barnard and Thelma Price.

The members of the orchestra are: Ralph Beall, Carl Von Hagen, Walter Zuver, Gwendolyn Miller, Dolores Sim, Maurice Fyfe, Eugene Timbs, Paul Zaver, Geraldine Miller, Mary Alice Davis, Earl Condeley, Robert Lessing, Loretta Condeley and Virginia Watson.

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MR. CRUZAN LEAVES

Mr. Cruzan, mechanical teacher, has left for Colorado. During the short time he was here he won the esteem of the entire school. Here's luck to him in whatever he does.

"Silas Marner" June Fifteenth

On Thursday, June 15th the students enjoyed an exceptionally good photoplay entitled "Silas Marner." It is a seven-reel reproduction of one of George Eliot's best known works.

Silas Marner was changed from a hard-hearted miser to a kind and lovable person by the love of a child. Everyone was greatly pleased with the picture.

A NEW HIGH SCHOOL SOON

Prof. Barnett visited the superintendent's office Wednesday, June 14 and when he returned late in the evening he stated that the funds for the new school had been set aside but that the purchase had not been completed.

The proposed 17-acre tract is one of the most desirable for school grounds in Torrance. Efforts are being made to organize the use of them for athletics and other activities.

EXAMINATIONS

Graduates from T. H. S. will not have to take the entering examinations at the University of California. As a result of the visit of Mr. Pasqual, State Inspector of the U. of C. on Tuesday of last week, He highly commended the high standard of work done by our school.

The Radio

(By Earl Condeley)

A man by the name of Marconi began experimenting with radio apparatus. He started with hardly anything to work with. He was handicapped because he had to make everything he wanted. No one was interested in radio at that time. Marconi went to work and made a magnetic detector. For his inductant he made a tuning by winding some wire on a round tube. He put one slide on it. For an aerial he put up one pole and made an umbrella type aerial. Then for a sending set he made a set on it. He put one of his workers at the sending set and told him to send some dots and dashes. The apparatus worked very successfully. This encouraged Marconi to experiment more. In 1900 he brought out the detector called the coherer and de-coherer. The government was using the coherer altogether after Marconi invented it. He wasn't satisfied with the results he was getting so he began experimenting with different minerals. In 1910 the mineral detector was brought and worked successfully. The mineral detector is composed of a piece of galena mineral which is fouled with lead. A small wire, called a cat whisker, is used to touch the galena. When the most sensitive spot is found on the galena the message comes in very clearly. Right after the galena detector was discovered, a radio enthusiast invented the instrument called the loose couplet, which is made with two cardboard tubes. Wire is wound on one tube and one tube is smaller than the other so it can slide into the larger one. By sliding the loose couplet sharper tuning could be obtained. The wire is tapped every ten turns so one can vary the meterage. It is very important to be able to vary the meterage. There are many government stations sending out different wave lengths. For instance the amateur stations send out a very broad wave length. Well to get rid of this broad wave length the receiving station that has a loose coupler can tune the broad wave length out by pulling his loose coupler out a little. The loose coupling with vacuum tubes. About 1912 Marconi came out with a very crude vacuum tube. It took Marconi many years to help advance the radio game. Nevertheless he has advanced it greatly. He is at present one of the greatest of radio inventors. He has on the market a vacuum tube which carries his name.

The radio phone is the most talked of subject of this day. There are many thousand people with radio phone sets in their homes at present. The big concerns have them and are sending out concerts every day of the year. A year ago the boys were the only ones with radio sets. Now adults as well as boys have sets to listen in on at their homes at present. The big concerns have them and are sending out concerts every day of the year. Jazz in the dance hall will lose its

popularity because the radio set will be installed in every dance hall with a loud talker so the music going through the ether may be picked up by any dance hall within the radius of one hundred miles at least.

The radio phone installed at Catalina Island is a great help to the citizens of both the island and Los Angeles. An ordinary telephone may be used now just by calling long distance to Long Beach and from Long Beach to Catalina using radiophone. The radiophone at Catalina was installed just a year and a half ago. Since then thousands of people have become inquisitive and have installed sets in their homes, so they could hear what is going on between Catalina and Los Angeles. No one can tell you to get off the line because they don't know whether anyone is listening or not. There are many of them listening just the same. They act just like a large Octopus with its thousand tentacles which reach out in search of food. These radio stations reach out thousands of miles in reach of messages. Although it has taken about thirty-five years to develop it will never die out. It is the coming thing. Trains are being equipped with sets so that passengers may be able to communicate with their friends they left miles behind.

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Presentation of The Flags

(By Clara L. Johnson)

Friday morning, June 16, Mr. Walter Farnum, president-elect of the "Native Sons of the Golden West," presented two flags to the Torrance School.

Before the presentation of the flags, however, he told us some of the history of this state, mentioning some of its history that we already knew and some that we did not. He told us how and when California entered the Union, how she helped the North in the Civil War, and how she finally became what she is today.

At the conclusion of his address he presented us with two lovely flags, one the American flag, and the other the Bear flag of the California Republic.

Following the flag salute Mr. Barnett expressed our gratitude to Mr. Farnum and the "Native Sons of the Golden West" for these beautiful flags. We are all very grateful, indeed for their generosity in presenting them to us.

Commencement Next Wednesday

Commencement exercises will be given June 28. The graduates are Virgil Pratt, Helen Neill, Virginia Watson, Katherine Burmaster, Karl Von Hagen, Ralph Beall and Dewey Quigley. This is the largest class yet graduated from T. H. S.

Sophomore Razz

Clara Johnson in company with her family motored to Orange County Park last Sunday.

Lone Barnett with her family spent Sunday afternoon with friends in Long Beach.

The Sophomore English class has been trying out to see what budding poets are numbered among them. Some of the poems in this issue are our production.

Student Body President's Forum

(By Karl Von Hagen)

One day I received a letter from J. Leslie Goodson the A.S.B. president of Venice, requesting my presence at a meeting of the A.S.B. presidents of the Bay League on Thursday, June 1. There were six schools represented at this meeting.

Mr. Goodson explained to us that the Los Angeles City Schools had organized a Forum of the Presidents of the city school and he thought that it would be a good thing for the Bay League.

This Forum was formed with the idea of promoting better co-operation between the schools in the league, not only in athletics but in other activities.

He then appointed a committee to draw up a constitution after the meeting. Dinner was then served and we next went into the Assembly Hall where we were each asked to speak a few words about our own school.

The next meeting was held at Gardena, Monday, June 19th. The constitution was ratified, a schedule was drawn up and then dinner was served. Torrance has the third meeting of the Forum next year. The meetings are held once a month.

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Activities of The Student Body

(By Helen Neill, Secy.)

The present Student Body, although it has been organized during only half of the school year, has done a great deal to help the school. The most important things accomplished have been the establishment of a school paper and the purchase of baseball suits for the team.

The money for the suits was raised by the Student Body by giving motion picture shows and by having a "Gala Day," the proceeds from the latter having paid over half of the debt.

This year is really the first time the Student Body has ever taken any very active part in school affairs.

Scout Activities

(By Robert Lessing)

The Torrance Troop One, Boy Scouts, was organized in January by the American Legion. There was a lot of hard work for every one for several months but finally went through nicely. All the boys passed their tenderfoot test soon after joining and two passed their second-class. May 23 the Harbor District Troops had a rally at San Pedro, each troop putting on an exhibition. Torrance staged a camp fire scene in which there was singing and story telling. The great event of the night was the litter contest. San Pedro Troop 3 won, but the great Torrance Troop One came second. Awarded-Scouts badges were then awarded to Scouts Watson and Smith.

Another troop has now been organized and there is great rivalry between the two in drilling and other things.

Troop 1 has a baseball, a basketball and a foot ball team of which they are proud.

There is still room in both troops for any boy who wishes to join. The Boy Scouts are a great thing for boys who live up to the laws and with the American Legion behind the two troops the boys will learn a lot.

THE FUTURE

Torrance High School's first publication was a mimeograph sheet, called the "Buzz," which was very successful while it lasted but the number of students decreased until there were not enough to support a paper.

A few years after a second sheet was started under the name of "The Optimist." This publication was a small four-page affair, but which was better than the first as it was put out in newspaper print. Went for the same reason, it too, went out of existence as the earlier paper had.

In the latter part of February of this year the Torrance News Telegram was established as the semi-monthly organ of the students. Although Torrance 'H' has no journalism class the paper was very successful and has supported itself financially. There should be no doubt in any one's mind that the sheet can be maintained as it is and in a short time enlarged. Get back of the paper, next year and boost. Yours for a bigger and better sheet.—Editor.

MESSAGE FROM NEW STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

(By Frank Higgins)

I sincerely thank the Student Body for the honor they have bestowed upon me.

I recognize that I will have a hard task before me, but I will do it to the best of my ability.

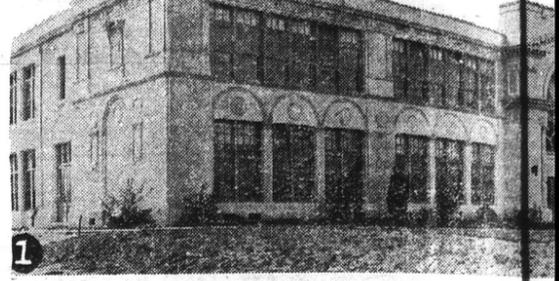
Through being treasurer of the Student Body this year, I have come in contact with some of the hardships which I will encounter and try to overcome next year.

This year the student body was organized and there were many things that came before us which had to be taken care of immediately. The students were not satisfied because they could not attend the executive committee meetings. With the help of the Student Body and the other officers, I hope to overcome this difficulty next year.

Here's for a greater and better Student Body next year.

"Speaking of bad falls," remarked Jones, "I fell out of a window once, and the sensation was simply awful. I really think that I thought of every mean act I had ever committed."

"Humph!" growled Thompson. "You must have fallen on a very hard distance."



Time Tells

(By Albert Isenstein)

History repeats itself. This is an established fact. In 1789, the French, unable to stand the autocratic power of their king, revolted and established the French Republic. But peace was not to be, and warfare and bloodshed with change of rulers, lasted until the establishment of the Third French Republic in 1871.

In 1917 this fact was again proven. Amidst the fighting and clamor of the World War, the world was surprised to learn that the Russian peasant had freed himself from the yoke of autocracy and oppression of the Czar by means of the Revolution.

The French and Russian Revolution were strikingly similar. Both came about by means of the long oppression of the people by tyrannical rulers, who believed in the "divine rights of kings." The immediate result of the French Revolution was a long period of bloodshed and lawlessness when might was right. This period of lawlessness has been going in Russia since the Revolution and when Russia recognizes that she must depend on other countries, which she is about to do, it will in time cease.

The Russian peasant like the French has found his long looked for freedom. But the mantle of citizenship has been thrust upon him too suddenly. This accounts for many of the rash deeds done by the Russians in the name of law and justice.

After the revolution it was necessary to have leaders, even if the king was deposed. Along came some men with new policies to which the simple-minded Russian easily adhered. These men, the present rulers of Russia, have gotten her into a situation which will take a long time to pull out of. Their belief, called by us "Bolshevism," but by them "Communism," has held back the country, keeping it in a poverty-stricken and reduced state. Their policies were all right as long as there was food and wealth in Russia, but now, since there has been all consumption and no production, the Russian is beginning to see the fallacies of the Bolshevik form of government.

Russia is a great land, abounding with valuable resources which require development. The Russian "return to normalcy," will come about in time. It can not be hurried. The Russian peasant must see where he is going and step slowly. He must be educated and not be kept in an illiterate state of mind. As it took years for France to become settled, so it will with Russia.

An old building can be blown up in an instant, but it will take time to build a new one on the same spot. So with Russia, the old government like the building was blown up. It will take time for a new and stable system of government to be established. Much experimentation has already been done but much more will be necessary till Russia is again on her feet in government and commerce. From Kerensky to Lenine the reign has shifted, but the Bolshevik run has almost set. Russia, what next? Only time will tell.

THANKS TO ALL

The staff of the T.N.T. wishes to thank the advertisers, the subscribers and everyone else concerned for the success achieved by this paper. Cooperation has been the keynote of our progress and will continue to be. (Signed.) STAFF.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The High School Gym class conducted by Miss Mills created great enthusiasm among the girls. Indoor Baseball, Basket Ball and many games were enjoyed.

The girls desired to play games with other teams of the neighboring schools but no games could be arranged. The game between the "Silk Stocking Invincibles" and the Faculty was one of great interest. Although the teachers fought hard for victory the girls beat them.

Several games were played with the elementary team which resulted in victory for the H.S. girls in each game.

Sometime ago the High School had a Track Meet. There were contests between the various members of the classes in running, ball throwing for accuracy and distance, throwing, for baskets and jumping. The Seniors and Sophomores defeated the Juniors and Freshmen.

The games have been enjoyed by the girls and have made them better players. They are now better sports and look forward to a year of pleasure. The "Silk Stocking Invincibles" are Jasmine Coker, Katherine Burmaster, Ruth McKenzie, Helen Neill, Mary Alice Davis, Geraldine Miller, Iris Barkdull, Loretta Condeley and Clara Totten.

I boarded the train to San Francisco and such a crowd as there was around the aviation field. Of course by this time I was off the train and had wandered down to the field. A missionary had just arrived from China in an aeroplane and much to my surprise this missionary was Virgil Pratt. She had come home on a three months furlough to give a series of lectures pertaining to her splendid work in the foreign field.

As I had only two more days before going back to work, Virgil suggested we wire Helen and Virginia in Boston and Dewey, Ralph and Karl in Chicago, to fly to San Francisco and then to Torrance, the metropolis of Southern California, for an alumni meeting in the reception room of the Torrance High School.

After all had gathered at the school we enjoyed a banquet quite similar to the banquet of 1922 but of course more elaborate. I had almost hated to go back to work but the rest of the crowd had to return to their respective occupations, so there was nothing else to do. Such a wonderful ending for a business trip.

Wit From The Senior Class

(By Quig.)

"The Senior boys are very proud of, and will defy any Senior class of '22 to blossom forth with a more model bevy of demsoidelles. Why? Because not one of our beauties have succumbed to the rage of flapperism—Bobbed Hair."—QUIG.

Virginia: So Helen's heart was broken? Kathryn: Yes. In two places. Nebraska and Kans. —QUIG.

Karl: Say, Dewey, why all the music at the first course of the banquet last evening? Dewey: Oh, nothing. Only they served Ralph some soup. —QUIG.

QUITE A FALL

An American was showing an Britishman about Boston when they arrived at the Bunker Hill monument. "This," said the Yankee, "is where Howe fell." The Britisher looked at the shaft from the foot to the top and then replied, "Poor fellow! He sure must have hit the ground hard."